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SUBJ: ISRAELI AMB TEKOAH DESCRIBES TO PRESS HIS MEETING WITH
SYG

1. AFTER MEETING WITH WALDHEIM AFTERNOON JUNE 26, ISRAELI PERMREP TEKOAH HELD PRESS CONFERENCE TO DESCRIBE TOPICS DISCUSSED DURING INTERVIEW. HE SAID HE RAISED FOLLOWING SUBJECTS: HARASSMENT OF JEWS IN USSR AND SYRIA, TERRORIST ATTACKS FROM LEBANESE SOIL, AND ISRAELI DISMAY OVER SYG'S MEETING WITH PALESTINIANS IN MOGADISCIO.

2. TEKOAH SAID HE TOLD WALDHEIM THAT SOVIET HARASSMENT OF JEWS IN USSR HAD BEEN INCREASING, WITH ARRESTS HAVING RECENTLY BEEN MADE IN MOSCOW, KIEV, AND OTHER RUSSIAN TOWNS. ASSERTING THAT SOVIET JEWS WERE BEING PREVENTED FROM JOINING THEIR FAMILIES IN ISRAEL, HE ASKED SYG'S INTERVENTION IN THEIR BEHALF.

3. AS FOR JEWISH COMMUNITY IN SYRIA, TEKOAH TOLD WALDHEIM THAT
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JEWS WERE UNDER CONTINUOUS AND EXTREME PRESSURE AND CITED

SPECIFIC RECENT EXAMPLES OF OPPRESSION IN DAMASCUS.

4. TEKOAH SAID HE REVIEWED PROBLEM OF LEBANESE-BASED TERRORISM. SITUATION HAD DEVELOPED TO POINT AT WHICH TERRORIST ORGANIZATIONS IN LEBANON HAD ESTABLISHED VIRTUALLY INDEPENDENT REGIME WITH LEBANESE GOVERNMENT'S ACQUIESCENCE. HE SAID THERE WAS NO SIGN THAT LEBANON HAD TAKEN ANY STEPS TO CURB FEDAYEEN AND HALT THEIR ATTACKS AGAINST ISRAEL.

5. REFERRING TO SYG'S JUNE 25 STATEMENT TO PRESS (USUN 2257) THAT HE HAD MET WITH PALESTINIAN DELEGATION WHILE VISITING MOGADISCIO, TEKOAH SAID HE FORMALLY EXPRESSED HIS GOVT'S "SURPRISE AND DISMAY." HE TOLD SYG HE FOUND IT SURPRISING HE SHOULD THINK IT APPROPRIATE TO MEET WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF TERRORIST BANDS, AND LEFT HIM LIST OF TERRORIST ACTIVITIES PERPETRATED BY PALESTINIANS WITH WHOM HE MET. TEKOAH SAID SYG EXPLAINED THAT MEETING WAS ONLY "A CHANCE ENCOUNTER" WITH PALESTINIANS WHO WERE ATTENDING OAU SUMMIT, AND ADDED THAT NO CONVERSATION OF ANY SUBSTANCE TOOK PLACE. FINALLY, TEKOAH REFERRED TO PRESIDENT SADAT'S RECENT PROMISE OF ASSISTANCE TO PALESTINIANS WHICH, HE SAID, "PLACES VERY SERIOUS QUESTION IN OUR MINDS REGARDING DESIRE OF SADAT AND HIS GOVERNMENT TO MOVE EFFECTIVELY AND CONSTRUCTIVELY TOWARD A NEW RELATIONSHIP WITH ISRAEL."
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